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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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THE HORROR IN IRELAND.

STILL CONTINUING.

LONDON, March 29.

Four armed men shot and killed a Dublin Castle official named Captain Rees, outside his hotel in Dublin at ten this morning.
MALLOW COURT ENQUIRY.
A White Paper report on the Mallow court enquiry into the shooting of railwaymen finds that it was an unnecessary custom for railwaymen off duty to remain in Mallow station after curfew hours; that these railwaymen were taken to the barracks but were not beaten, inhumanly treated, or in any way abused, nor were they told to run and fired upon when released from the cells. That party of railwaymen was not fired upon when leaving the railway station for the barracks. Finally, the remainder of the allegations made in the House of Commons are not substantiated by evidence. The report mentions that a president of the court, Colonel Cumming, was killed by rebels on March 5. The remaining members of the court heard the evidence of 56 witnesses.
The official shot in Dublin was Captain Cecil Lees, formerly of the Chinese labour corps, and son of an ex-British Consul in France. Five shots were fired as he left his hotel for the Castle and he was killed instantaneously. The assassins escaped down side streets.

NOT THEIR FAULT.

BUT PEEVED POLES BOMBED BRITISH TOMMIES.

LONDON, March 29.

With regard to the attack on British troops in Upper Silesia as cabled yesterday, Reuter understands that a band of Poles on March 15 bombed a lorry-load of British troops without serious casualties. The attack has no political significance and was merely due to the unreasonable anti-foreign feeling of the Poles owing to their disappointment at the result of the plebiscite.

PARIS, March 29.

From Oppeln comes news of another outrage in Silesia. A motor-car belonging to the inter-allied commission smashed into a wire stretched across the roadway and was wrecked against a tree. The French chauffeur was killed and two French officials injured. The commissioners continue to receive numbers of threatening letters.

NO REAL IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

DOMINIONS WOULD OBJECT.

LONDON, March 29.

Enquiries in authoritative circles dispose completely of the suggestion that the question of imperial federation will be discussed at the June conference of Dominions prime-ministers. It appears to be fully recognised that even if a definite constitution of the Empire found favour in Britain [which is nowise certain] opposition thereto in the Dominions would be such as to outlive even any hint of a concrete proposal. The agenda of the conference so far as Britain is concerned will mainly consist of items previously cabled, although no doubt arrangements for the so-called constitution conference in 1922, such as venue, date, personnel, etc. will also be discussed.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

FALSE REPORTS.

LONDON, March 29.

Reuter learns that reports regarding a new development of the Anglo-Japanese alliance treaty are quite baseless. The question has not yet been formally raised between Britain and Japan. The statement that a new draft treaty with certain modifications has been drawn up is a pure fiction. Japan, as well as Britain, realises the necessity of certain modifications in view of the requirements of the League of Nations, but the main fact is that the Dominions have the fullest right to be considered and it is perfectly well known that nothing whatever will be done until after the meeting of the imperial conference in June.

WIRELESS BETWEEN CANTON AND AMERICA.

SHANGHAI OPEN FIRST.

WASHINGTON, March 29.

The Department of Commerce, announces that work is shortly commencing on the erection of a wireless station at Shanghai under agreement between the Chinese government and the American Federal Telegraph Company. It is anticipated that it will be completed in eighteen months and enable direct wireless communication across the Pacific without relay stations. It is also proposed to establish stations at Peking, Harbin, and Canton.

THE BOATRACE.

CAMBRIDGE THE FAVOURITE.

LONDON, March 29.

The weather, which has become cold, wet, and stormy, may be the decisive factor in the boatrace, which promises to be one of the closest in recent years. Cambridge still starts favourite but the odds offered are fractional compared with those laid when the crews first appeared at Putney. Oxford has improved at every outing while Cambridge retains its supremacy in style. Oxford has shown staying power forecasting a thrilling finish.

JOHN BURROUGHS DEAD.

VENERABLE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER.

New York, March 29.

Mr. John Burroughs died suddenly in the train in Ohio, while travelling from New York to his home at West Park.
[John Burroughs was a poet, a philosopher, and a naturalist. He wrote beautiful books, and was a lovable man. He was 84 years old.]

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 5/8
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GABY DESLYS.

RELICS SOLD.

HER MANY TREASURES.

Sables and East End feathers, silk hats and caps, were strangely mixed in the crowd which attended the sale of poor Gaby Deslys's treasures in Basil-street, Knightsbridge, S.W., writes "A Friend" in a Home paper.
Many who were there realised for the first time that the gay, glittering, wonderfully dressed Gaby had a love for her home, an exquisite taste, and an art of creating an atmosphere of beautiful things far above the average.
Those Persian, Chinese, Indian rugs were among her most cherished possessions and used to adorn the Moorish drawing-room so dear to her. On that grand piano, sold for £210, she used to accompany her own songs. That fine old Dutch buffet, which fetched £54, stood in her dining-room and witnessed many a merry supper party.
This gilded Italian bed—so to be offered for sale—had been a long-coveted addition to Gaby's home, which she loved with the passion of a true French woman. And this severe ivory crucifix was in her bedroom in front of her prayer-stool, on which was an old prayer-book. Her Gothic throne chair, in which one of her most successful photographs was taken, fetched £38, and a rich Eastern loin cloth £5.
Long ago I remember visiting Gaby at her modest little Paris flat furnished hurriedly for a few thousand francs. She used to say, "C'est tout a fait tapissier, mais un jour j'aurais autre chose." ("It's very ugly, but some day I shall have better.") These things that are being sold now are the realisation of the "autre chose"—a realisation which had cost Gaby many years of hard work.

PARIS RIVER MYSTERY.

PUZZLE FOR DETECTIVES.

A SHERLOCK HOLMES WANTED.

A Seine mystery, which might well attract the attention of psychologists of crime and make an appeal to a modern Sherlock Holmes is at present engaging the activities of the police. It is a case of the dead bodies of two men fished up from the Seine and the Oise. One was without clothing, and was identified by means of the scar of a war wound. In the clothing of the other were found the papers of the naked man. What the police are trying to find out is how these two men met their death. The naked body was taken from the Seine at Argenteuil, and it was by the scar on his forehead that the dead man's parents recognised him. He was Fernand Pearson, a butcher's assistant. 23 years of age, whose family resides at Soisy-sous-Montmorency. His body was found on February 4.
From the Oise, at Pontoise, was taken the body of a young man whose papers and military book showed that he was Fernand Pearson, a butcher's assistant. How came this second man into possession of the papers of the first? Detectives are endeavouring to find an answer to this question. It is the key to the mystery, and the answer will indicate whether the papers were stolen, and, if so, whether the theft was accompanied by a crime—the throwing of Fernand Pearson into the Seine after he had been stripped of his clothing.
There remains the mystery attending the death of the second Fernand Pearson. How came he to be drowned in the Oise? In his case the hypothesis of suicide committed through remorse, for a crime is discussed, as is also a suggestion that friends of the real Fernand Pearson may have tracked him to Pontoise and thrown his body into the river out of revenge. It is a troublesome double mystery that the detectives are seeking to solve, and their solution is eagerly awaited.

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MISSING MILLIONAIRE.

A BAFFLING MYSTERY.

CASE OF AMBROSE SMALL.

In connection with the missing
millionaire mystery which has again
come into prominence a Toronto cor-
respondent writes to an English
paper:—The disappearance of Ambrose J.
Small, the millionaire theatre proprie-
tor, is the most sensational and baffling
case in the records of Canadian crim-
inology. In a few days or weeks
John Doughty, his secretary for twenty
years, is to be placed on trial on a
charge of "conspiring to kidnap" his
former employer. The public does not
know what evidence will be produced
at the trial and has as yet learned
nothing about the case which in any
important degree dissipates the mys-
tery in which it has been shrouded
for the last fourteen months.It was on December 2, 1919, that
the last was seen of Ambrose Small.
His wife and friends were immedi-
ately anxious but, scouting the idea of
four foul play, thought he must for some
reason have gone quietly away, per-
haps for a rest after the completion
of negotiations for the sale of almost
his entire theatre holdings which he
had been working on for some time.
Accordingly it was three weeks or
more before any official report was
made to the police department or any
steps taken to find him. The delay
has had an important bearing in ham-
pering investigation. It surrounded
with difficulty efforts to trace Small's
movements on the day he disappeared
and, if crime was committed, gave the
criminals time to hide their tracks.As far as can be pieced together
now, Small's movements on the day
of his disappearance were as fol-
lows.—He lunched at a restaurant
with his wife and his solicitor.
After lunch he accompanied his
wife to an infants' home, telling
her in parting he would be home
to dinner at the usual time. He
then went to his office. There his
solicitor had a conference with him in
the late afternoon, and fixed the hour
of his departure by the fact that he
left about 5.30 to catch a six o'clock
train.Small was alone when the
solicitor left. After that all is blank.
For a time the stories of two news-
vendors who asserted that they sold
Small papers on the street on the
evening in question were accepted,
and there have been built up on that
assumption many imaginative stories
telling how Small must have been kid-
napped on the dark street on the way
from his office to the point where he
would take a tram. But when the
news-vendors a year later came to tell
their stories in the witness-box it was
found they couldn't fix the date. There
is accordingly no evidence available
from anyone who saw Small after he
left his office on the evening of his
disappearance.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Now what about Doughty, the pri-
vate secretary? Under the sale which
Small had completed Doughty was
being transferred from Small's employ
to that of the purchasing company at
almost double the salary he had been
getting. He was to move to Montreal,
and on December 2 he took the
night train for his new work. Three
weeks later he returned to Toronto to
spend Christmas with his family, but
on December 28, instead of returning
to his post in Montreal as arranged, he
also disappeared.This second disappearance had the
effect of producing a sense of reassur-
ance about Small on the theory that
Small in retreat somewhere had sent
for his secretary to join him, though
among those who knew both men this
theory was never given much weight.It was not until some weeks after
Doughty's disappearance that search
for the missing man was energetically
pressed. When it was found that
\$100,000 worth of bonds were mis-
sing from Small's deposit box a war-
rant for Doughty's arrest was issued
and rewards for information of
\$50,000 for Small and \$15,000 for
Doughty were offered.By this time the case had achieved
wide notoriety, and the police depart-
ment, following the announcement of
the rewards, was deluged with suppo-
sited clues. More than \$100,000 was
spent in investigating them, only to
prove that they originated either with
cranks or with very superficial obser-
vers. However, in November, 1920,
a clue, apparently no different from
hundreds of others, led to the appre-
hension of Doughty, in Oregon City,
Oregon, 3,000 miles from Toronto.
He was working as a labourer in a
paper mill, with no other attempt at
disguise, and on arrest returned to
Toronto without appeal to the extra-
dition laws. After five adjournments,
Doughty appeared before a magistrate
for preliminary hearing, and was com-
mitted for trial on two charges—(1)
of the theft of \$100,000 bonds, and
(2) of conspiring to kidnap Small. He
remains in jail awaiting trial.An immediate result of Doughty's
return was the recovery of the
\$100,000 missing bonds, and also of
\$5,000 bonds of which the police had
no record. They were found in an
attic room of his sister's home, which
had been his home, concealed in the
wall behind fresh plaster and wall-
paper. At the preliminary hearing a
statement by Doughty to the police
was read, and evidence was given by
Doughty's sister and brother. From
this testimony the following explana-
tion of the missing bonds and of
Doughty's flight was presented.
Doughty, in possession of the bonds on
December 2, 1919, planned to hand
them personally to Small in the hope
that Small would give him a substan-
tial honorarium at the termination of
his twenty years' service. Not find-
ing an opportunity to stage this little
scene before his departure for Mon-real on the night of December 2,
he had handed the bonds in a parcel
to his sister, telling her it was Mr.
Small's property, and to place it in
safe keeping. A few weeks later he
became alarmed at Small's continued
absence, which not only prevented
him from returning the bonds to
Small, but would be sure to direct
suspicion toward him, the bonds being
in his possession. His alarm increas-
ing, he took flight. On May 24,
1920, Doughty's sister handed the
bonds to another brother, William,
who secreted them in the attic wall,
and it was William who, on John's
return, led the police to the secret
spot.In committing Doughty for trial on
the bond theft charge the magistrate
commented on the fact that no effort
had been made by any of the Doughty
family to dispose of the bonds or even
to cash the interest coupons. But
Doughty's flight and the whole cir-
cumstances made a criminal neces-
sary.

THE KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

But main interest, of course, cen-
tres on the kidnapping charge. On
this charge Doughty was committed
for trial on evidence from two or three
witnesses to the effect that Doughty
had discussed with one or other of
them such points as Small's indebted-
ness to him, Small's great wealth, the
possibility of kidnapping him for the
purpose of extorting money. Appar-
ently in no case had these conver-
sations been regarded as of much im-
portance until after Small's disappearance.
Doughty in his statement to the police,
denies any knowledge of Small's
whereabouts or fate.But if Small was kidnapped, where
is he now? If he is dead, where are
the remains? As far as the public
knows, there is not the slightest
physical clue as to the disposition or
fate of Small's body, dead or alive.
It is as if the earth had opened and
swallowed him. Small's Office was
in the Grand Opera House, his prin-
cipal theatre, which is within a block
of the business centre of Toronto.
There, according to the evidence avail-
able, he was last seen. Through his
theatrical connections, and his wide
travels he had acquaintances all over
the world, and it is regarded as im-
possible that he would pass for long
anywhere without recognition.Among the thousands of letters that
have been received from all parts of
the globe there is on the detectives'
files one series that has a special
interest. These letters came to Mrs.
Small and her lawyers during the first
half of 1920 through a practising
lawyer of New York City, who on one
occasion came to Toronto and had
interviews with all the principals.
The origin of them is a correspond-
ent who signed his name "B.B.
Friend." To the New York law-
yer he professed to have informa-
tion concerning Small's whereabouts,
and on one occasion hinted at

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

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MISSING MILLIONAIRE.

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a reward of \$500,000. The New York lawyer said he had never seen "B.B. Friend," but had communicated with him on Friend's instructions, through the personal columns of newspapers. Nor was he sure he knew "B.B. Friend." But he intimated that under correct conditions he thought he could reach him. The correspondence continued until midsummer then died. Who was "B.B. Friend?"

The general belief now is that Small is dead. Small was by far the most prominent figure in Canadian theatrical life. When he was 17 he began theatre work as an usher. He worked up through every phase of the business and knew everything about it from box-office to greenroom. As a boy he had ambitions to study law, but one day Henry Irving spoke to him and advised him that "The show business needs smart boys like you. Stay with the show business," and he did. He was always a great believer in ready cash. Curiously, he acquired his first sizable capital on a horse-race, laying \$20 on a 20 to 1 winner. He was always a keen follower of all racing fixtures, though never a horseman and rarely seen at a track. Perhaps once in two weeks he would make a bet and his intimates said he won oftener than most people. Eventually he had \$50,000 cash to make a first payment on the Toronto Grand Opera House, which thereafter was his business home.

MR. SMALL'S THEATRE DEALS.

Before his disappearance he owned or controlled the bookings for 62 Canadian theatres. Many of these theatres fell into his possession easily when he made a deal with Klaw and Erlanger, the New Theatre Trust, giving him control of their bookings in Canada outside Toronto. Later on when he secured a virtual monopoly of the theatres in a large territory, he was able to dictate bookings terms to the Theatre Trust itself. For his success he probably felt under obligation to no one. He played a lone hand, depending on his own resources and foresight.

On the day of his disappearance he had sold his entire theatrical interests to a Montreal corporation, the Trans-Canada Syndicate. He had received from it and deposited in the bank, a marked cheque for one million dollars.

SHANGHAI COURTS.

JURY SERVICE.

BRITISH JUDGE'S STATEMENT.

Jury service by British subjects in China is part of the price that is paid for the immunity from local courts in China. Judge Skinner Turner told a jury in the British Supreme Court as he discharged the men.

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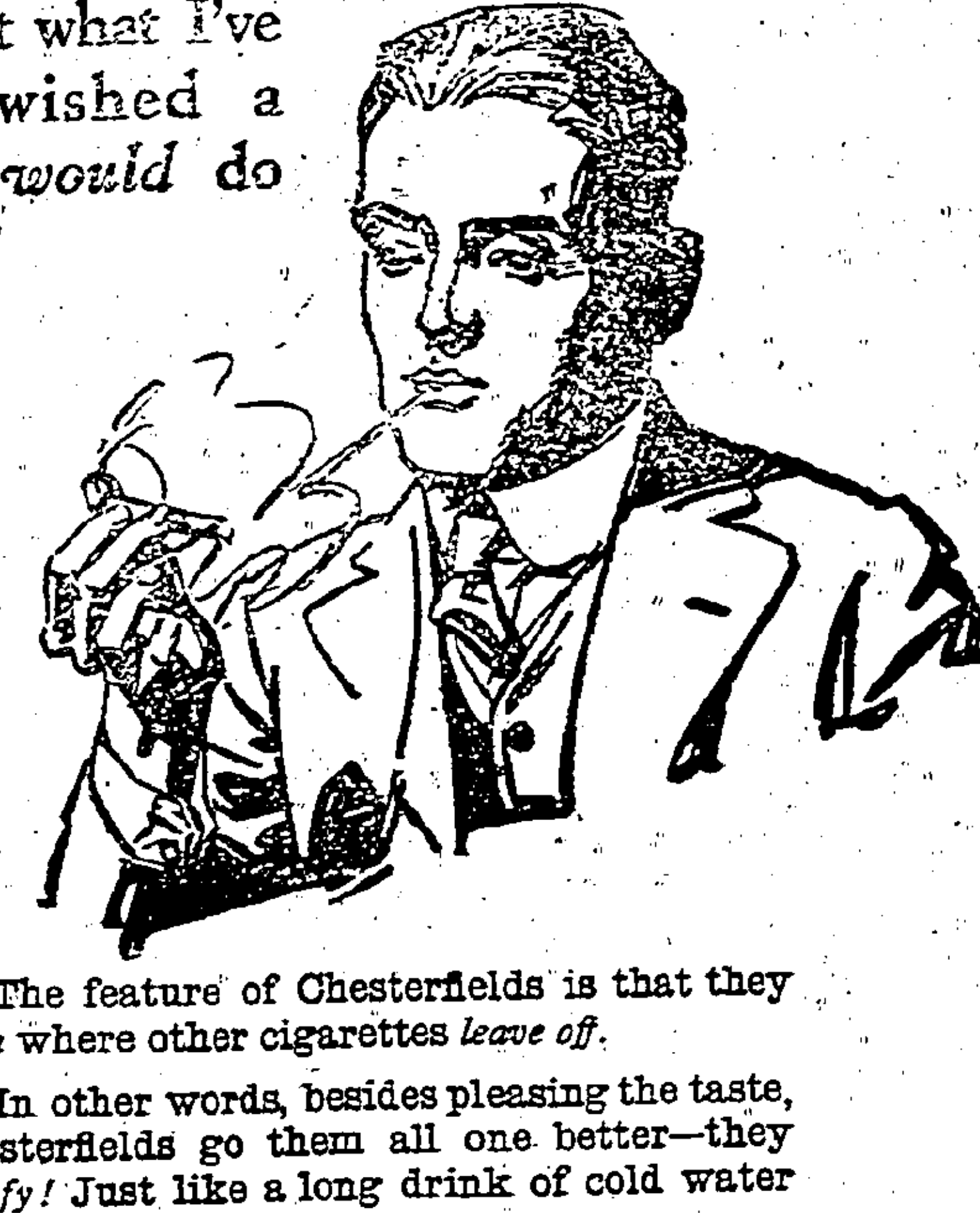
Then the Court always grants exemption on a medical certificate and is always ready to listen to any reasonable application for exemption for any particular case or day.

Long trials generally result in an exemption for the jurors who actually serve time for liability for some stated time; but long cases do not mean cases that only last for one day.

Upwards of another million was to be paid later. Other investments bring his known fortune up to a total of between three and three and a half millions. While he had sold his business he had given no indication that he contemplated permanent retirement. He was only 54 years old and was still ambitious.

Mrs. Small is one of the best-known women in Toronto. Before her marriage she was Miss Theresa Korman. An accomplished musician who had been able owing to her considerable wealth to take courses in Paris, Berlin, and Milan. As she has no children, her chief interest in life has been her charitable work, and during and since the war she has raised and spent out of her own money large sums for the needy. Perhaps her special hobby is the Catholic Infants' Home, and her favourite organisation the Daughters of the Empire, in which she holds high office.

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Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan ... lb. 30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung ... lb. 25
Sausages—Ngau No per set ... lb. 10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each ... lb. 30
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Head—Ngau Tiao ... lb. 20
Heart—Ngau Sam ... lb. 18
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin ... lb. 18
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Capons, Small—Sin Kai ... lb. 32
Capons, Large—Sin Kai ... lb. 36
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Dove—Pan Kan ... lb. 30
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking) per doz. 25
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (fresh) per doz. 30
Fowls, Canton—Kai ... lb. 33
Fowls, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai ... lb. 30
Geese—Nga ... lb. 25
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap ... lb. 40
Pigeons, Hoi Nam Kai ... lb. 30

Fruits.

Almonds—Hang Yan ... lb. 40
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan ... lb. 35
Bananas, (Orléans), Macao—Sin ... lb. 4
Carabos—Yung To ... lb. 10
Coconuts—Ye Tao ... lb. 10
Lemons, China—Ling Mung ... lb. 8
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan ... lb. 8
Limes, Dried, (small stone)—Lai Chi Koo ... lb. 35
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet—12
Shao-shang Tin Chang ... lb. 13
Oranges, Tin Chang ... lb. 13
Pears, (Canton), Cooking—Shai ... lb. 10
Peanuts—Fa Shang ... lb. 12
Persimmons, Large—Hung Tso ... lb. 12
Plantain—Tai Chin ... lb. 12
Pineapple, (small)—Tain Lo ... lb. 12
Walnuts—Hop To ... lb. 14
Grapes—Po Tai ... lb. 30

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk ... lb. 8
Beans, Sprock—Nga Tao ... lb. 4
Beet Root—Hung Tsoi ... lb. 2
Bitter Squash—Fa Kwa ... lb. 6
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yau Kwa ... lb. 6
Red—Hong Koo ... lb. 5
Cabbages—Chinese, (common)—Kai Tiao ... lb. 4
Cauliflowers—Kai Tiao ... lb. 10
Cauliflowers (Large)—Ye Tsoi ... lb. 15
Cauliflowers (Small)—Ye Tsoi ... lb. 15
Carrots—Kam Shan ... lb. 12
Celery Chinese—Tong Kan Tsoi ... lb. 10
Chillies, Dried—Kon Let Chiu ... lb. 40
Chillies, Green—Ching Yau Kwa ... lb. 15
Green—Ching Lat Chiu ... lb. 12
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Li Chu Lin ... lb. 10

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Barbel—Ka Yu ... lb. 12
Bream—Pin Yu ... lb. 14
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu ... lb. 14
Carr—Li Yu ... lb. 14
Cuddfish—Chik Yu ... lb. 16
Cuddfish—Mun Yu ... lb. 18
Crabs—Hal ... lb. 32
Cuttie Fish—Mak Yu ... lb. 11
Dab—Sha Mang Yu ... lb. 40
Dace—Wong Mai Lap ... lb. 10
Dog Fish—Tsi To Sha ... lb. 9
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man ... lb. 14
Fresh water—Tam Shai Yu ... lb. 14
Yellow—Wong Sin ... lb. 25
Frog—Tin Kail ... lb. 36
Garcia—Shat Pan ... lb. 40
Godgong—Pak Kap Yu ... lb. 15
Harding—Tao Pak ... lb. 20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kuo ... lb. 18
Labrus—Weng Fa Yu ... lb. 18
Loach—Wu Yu ... lb. 30
Lobsters—Lung Ha ... lb. 32
Mackerel—Chi Yu ... lb. 18
Milkfish—Mong Yu ... lb. 24
Mullet—Tsi Yu ... lb. 18
Oysters—Shang Ho ... lb. 25
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu ... lb. 12
Pike—Tao Lo ... lb. 16
Pike—Fa Pak Fong ... lb. 21
Pike—Pan Yu ... lb. 21
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong ... lb. 32
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong ... lb. 38
Prawns—Ming Ha ... lb. 40
Ray—Pal Pa Sha ... lb. 10
Rock Fish—Shak Kan Kung ... lb. 14
Rock—Chun Yu ... lb. 16
Salmon—Ma Yau ... lb. 36
Shark—Sha Yu ... lb. 14
Snake—Po Yu ... lb. 10
Snappers—Ha ... lb. 32
Sole—Tsi Yu ... lb. 24
Tilapia—Wan Yu ... lb. 18
Turbot—Tao Hau Yu ... lb. 24
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kook Yu ... lb. 30

YOUTH'S FIGHT FOR SANITY.

A HUMAN DRAMA.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

queer things sometimes happen in the House of Lords—things which the public know little or nothing about.

In January last a rather tall and slender youth, described in the official documents as "a pauper," appeared at the Bar of the House, and argued with great forensic ability on nice points of lunacy law.

Confronting him were some of the greatest legal minds of the day—Lord Haldane, who sat in a central position with many books spread out before him; Lord Finlay, who sat on the crimson benches in an astrakhan overcoat as if he were cold; Lord Cave, Lord Atkinson, and Lord Moulton.

The slender youth was Mr. Harry Gordon Everett, a law student, who argued his appeal against the dismissal of his action for damages for wrongful detention. He had been an inmate of Colney Hatch Asylum, from which he had escaped. His claim was dismissed in the King's Bench, and this judgment was affirmed by two Lords Justices (a third dissenting) in the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Everett brought with him a large square box full of legal documents. His clear and somewhat "legal" voice penetrated to the remotest corner of the House.

Occasionally he emphasised his points by bringing both hands together and leaning over the Bar itself. He spoke with the confidence of a practical lawyer. His solicitor sat by his side. One or two lawyers in wig and gown followed the case. A lonely reporter sat up in the Press Gallery, but beyond these no one witnessed this intensely human drama of a "pauper" fighting for a declaration of his sanity before the highest tribunal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Rose, on behalf of the relatives of the late Thomas D. Philip, beg to tender thanks to friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent them in their recent sad bereavement.

BIRTHS.

KEMPTON.—On March 23, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kempton, a son.

WEEKS.—On March 23, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Weeks, a daughter.

BUDGEN.—On March 31, 1921, at Shanghai, to the wife of Capt. E. Budgen, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

PRINSEP-KOMAROV.—On March 2, at Vladivostok, Captain Evelyn S. MacL. Prinsep, 11th K.E.O. Lancers, I.A., to Clavdia Komarov.

DEATH.

SOUZA.—On March 21, 1921, at No. 5, Dent Road, Shanghai, Maria Celeste Souza, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. R. Souza, aged five days.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1921.

A COMMERCIAL CENSOR.

Bret Harte's "Strong Language from Truthful James" was suggested by the criticisms of the local Government and other people by the Chairman at the Chamber of

Commerce meeting last evening. The *China Mail* has been accused by a conservative logic here and there of being too "outspoken." What they will say of this speech we have yet to hear, but Hongkong officialdom will probably agree that the newspapers have been surpassed at their own game. Will they, not liking the tone of the Chairman's speech, withdraw their support from the Chamber?

To one aspect we must take particular exception. That was the sneer at a Sanitary Board president being made head of the police. While we certainly agree that the cobbler should stick to his last, and that Jacks of All Trades in the public service are undesirable, we are bound to point out that the case of Mr. Wolfe is an exceptional one, and its citation by Mr. Johnstone singularly unfortunate. Mr. Wolfe was not made president of the Sanitary Board because he was a sanitarian, nor solely because he was a cadet available. Everybody knows that he has an unusual ability for organization, and that is why he was sent to the Sanitary Board, which at that time needed reorganization. His methods have been utilized in other departments, with excellent results. It would be no more unfair for Mr. Wolfe to report that Mr. Johnstone's successes in the saddle are incompatible with good management of a large business.

So far as certain of the strictures, not referring to the Government, are concerned, we are not prepared to deny that they were called for, but we cannot approve of their tone. We do not think it right to suggest that commercial immorality is a national characteristic, peculiar to any one nation. Failure to keep contracts, either because they cannot or do not wish to, has from time to time been alleged against the business men of all communities. The Chinese, who got a snubbing reference in this tirade, have suffered at the hands of unworthy British merchants before now, and

so, we have heard it alleged, have Americans. It is proper to protest against breaches of business undertakings, by whomsoever made, but not in such a way as to reflect generally upon a race or nation. It so happens that this is a juncture in world affairs when every public orator should be chary of "hurting people's feelings," especially in the way of comparing nations with nation. Tact should be used, and it seems to us that in this case no useful purpose was served that could not have been better served by speaking generally of the essential sanctity of a bargain, and of the fact that this sanctity had been outraged during the period under review. As regards the so-called "business," we all know that there was a great deal of "business" last year—wild buying and selling that could not be classed as legitimate business, and it is not surprising if there were some unlooked-for happenings. The report of the Chamber to a protest from the Chinese Chamber, that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, was a most unhappy quotation for such a stone-throwing speech. We presume it does not detract seriously from the excellent reputation which our Chinese merchants bear. Assuming that it is true that there were Chinese defaulters, surely it is not alleged that they were signatories or parties to the protest from the Chinese Chamber, which should have been treated preferably as a communication from honorable men to honorable men. In any case, what was the object of these recriminations against American and Chinese business men? What good could they do?

The several references to the Government stand on a different footing. Apart altogether from the question of their justice or injustice, we find them fully annoying in the circumstances. We envisage the Government murmuring, "Et tu, Brute," as it receives these stabs. First a hint that it neglects education, falls short of the fine standard of effort put forth by others, and is, in the orator's phrase, too parochially minded. Then the suggestion that it, the Government, expects the shipping companies to see that the laws of the land are carried out, with a sneer at the Poo-bah system of police appointments, and an appeal to the Government "to sink their petty jealousies," because "we do not want a Government cadet whose hands are tied, work hampered, and judgment overshadowed by thoughts of where his bread and butter comes from." If that be true when applied to a Government cadet, or a commercial secretary, how much more so in the case of a public newspaper? Need we remind readers of an attempt that was made a year ago to rub it well into our mind where our bread and butter came from, an attempt (as we loudly protested at the time) to hamper our work and overshadow our judgment. Certainly we applaud, crying "A Daniel! A Daniel!" But not, please note, anything about glass houses and stone throwing.

Are not men queer creatures? They talk and talk and talk, and the oftener they do it the oftener they give themselves away.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

TONIGHT'S CHINESE PLAY.

A VARIED PROGRAMME.

A copy of the admirable programme for the Variety Entertainment to be given in the Theatre Royal to-night by St. Paul's Girls' School, assisted by Madame Lottie Gordon and others, under the patronage of Lady Stubbs, Lady Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, in aid of the North China Famine Relief Fund, has been forwarded to us by Messrs. Moutrie's with whom seats may be booked. The entertainment will open with a vocal duet, "In the Garden of my Heart," by Madame Lottie Gordon and Mrs. Florence Cameron. Next come a song "Down Here" by Miss Nellie Williams and another song "The Waking of Spring," by Madame Lottie Gordon. These will be followed by a song "A Prayer" sung by Mrs. Florence Cameron and "Madrigals" sung by Mr. E. G. d'Almeida. Monologues given by Madame Lottie Gordon by special request will complete the first half of the programme. After the interval the pupils of St. Paul's Girls' School will present "Uncle Kim," a delightful Chinese melodrama in three acts. By kind permission of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. their band will play selections during the intervals.

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[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, March 29.

The firm of Sims Darby report the discovery of tin in Johore and claim that the find is more valuable than any hitherto made in Malaya.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Three "Dollar" boats, the "Ester," "Grace" and "M.S." have had their port of registry changed from London, England, to Vancouver.

Ticket holders for the dance at Government House in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes on Thursday March 31 are requested to present their tickets at the door.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 12, 1921, amounted to 89,229 tons and the sales during the period, to 80,412 tons.

Mr F. A. Nixon, Commissioner of the Kwangtung Postal District, was presented by the staff with a silver rose bowl and a silver fruit dish, on the occasion of his departure on home leave.

The Bandman Company open their season at the Theatre Royal to-morrow night. The Company's performances will be under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs.

Prizes for Nos. 7, 5, 19 and 23 which were drawn in the London Hospital Fund "Tambola," have not yet been claimed. Holders of these winning numbers can obtain their prizes on application to Mrs. Mowbray Jones, 75, Sharnbrook.

Cabaret dinner dances have been arranged at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-night and Saturday. Signor Antonio Molinari (the Milanese tenor) and Signora Molinari (soprano) will sing a number of songs and will also appear at a semi-sacred concert on Sunday afternoon.

A fire recently broke out at a tea-house in Tanshi-he in the Waiyang district and assisted by a strong wind burned for several hours, destroying about 41 business firms at a loss of more than \$150,000. Two merchants were burned to death and a large number were injured.

The Shanghai Magistrate is in receipt of instructions to the effect that Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his colleagues in the Military Government of South China have issued bonds to the value of \$5,000,000. The Magistrate urges the people, both Chinese and foreign, not to accept the bonds as they are "illegal" and Peking will not be responsible for their payment.

Eight cases of cerebro-spinal fever, of which one was fatal, were reported yesterday, also one case of enteric fever. All the cases were Chinese. Last week ten Chinese died from smallpox, five from influenza and three from cerebro-spinal fever. One non-fatal case of enteric fever British, one smallpox, another of paratyphoid fever, and two of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese, were also reported.

The str. "Pembroke" brought a very interesting cargo to China. She had on board 1,000 tons weight of locomotives, built in the United Kingdom for the Chinese Government Railways, and these were unloaded at Woosung and after being assembled were to be put into operation, thus assisting in relieving the traffic difficulties which have been recently experienced in the country. This is the third consignment of British-built locomotives which have already arrived, and others will follow.

A seaman of H.M.S. "Marazion," was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with having been drunk and disorderly in Spring Garden Lane, and with having damaged a gas bracket to the extent of \$3.50. The defendant admitted having been drunk, but said that he could not remember having smashed anything. Inspector Blackman who prosecuted said that the defendant entered one of the houses the worse for liquor, and for no apparent reason picked up a chair and smashed the gas bracket. The Magistrate enquired if there were any aggravating circumstances in the case. Inspector Blackman said that there were none, the defendant having given no trouble when arrested. He was very drunk when brought to the station. A fine of \$5 was imposed, \$3.50 of which was to go as compensation for the damage done.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The 52nd Ordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon to-day.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. W. Sassoon, and H. P. White (Consulting Committee), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary). The following shareholders were present: Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, Geo. Grimble, A. Murdoch, A. Dennison, Ho Leung, and Lo Cheung-shun.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said—Gentlemen.—The Report and Accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

The result of our operations for the year 1919 now under review have, I am pleased to say, again been successful and the Account has run off leaving a credit balance of \$332,092.06 which, though less than the year 1918, is well up to the average for the last 20 years. This, I think, you will consider satisfactory in view of the fact that 1919 was not a happy period for Fire Insurance Companies. Many serious fires occurred in all parts of the World, Shanghai and the Northern Ports, the Philippines and India each contributing a very substantial quota. How serious this fire wastage has been may be seen from the fact that the sum paid for losses and claims amounts to no less than \$180,000 more than the highest total for any previous year.

Premium Income and Interest show increases of \$160,000 and \$34,000 respectively, these being partly due to the lower rate of sterling exchange at which we were able to convert our Sterling figures on the 31st December last. The ratios for losses and expenses work out at 52.47 per cent and 30.92 per cent respectively as against 24.35 per cent and 31.06 per cent for the year 1918.

The balance standing at credit of the Working Account 1920 is \$536,724.87 which is \$11,000 better than the carry forward for 1918, the previous best in the history of the Company. It is early however to comment on this Account which has yet a further nine months to run. This year also has borne its full share of losses, but we have every hope of its closing with a satisfactory balance in hand.

You will doubtless have heard of the disastrous fire which occurred in Shanghai on the 11th of this month, and you will, I am sure, be gratified to learn that the Company is only interested for the sum of \$30,000. The fire was one of the worst experienced by the Northern Port, and I think you will agree that we may consider ourselves extremely fortunate in escaping so lightly.

The surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is \$332,092.06, and we recommend the payment of the usual dividend of 37 per cent share; the appropriation of \$16,000 at 3 1/4 per cent to the Reinsurance Fund; and that the balance of \$13,692.06 be placed to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account. This Account will then stand at a figure of \$81,480.78, which you are granted to the staff.

I do not think that there is anything further in the Accounts which requires special mention by me, but after the resolution which I am about to propose has been seconded I shall be glad to satisfy to the best of my ability any enquiries arising out of them which shareholders may wish to put.

I now propose the following resolution—

"That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of 37 per cent share, an addition to the Reinsurance Fund of \$16,000 at exchange 3 1/4 per cent, the transfer of \$13,692.06 to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent upon their salaries be adopted and passed."

Mr. Dennison seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The Chairman: The next business, gentlemen, is the re-election of the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

PASSAGE RATES.

CEYLON MERCHANTS KICK.

DEMAND FOR A REDUCTION.

In spite of the fact that freight rates have been very materially reduced during the past few months passenger rates have remained stationary.

Since Homeward passages are paid for on a sterling basis the rapid depreciation in the value of the rupee has caused a consequent rise in the price which must be paid in rupees for a Homeward passage by Ceylon and Indian residents.

Naturally, this has given rise to much dissatisfaction and so high, in fact, are the passage rates that many Ceylon residents have found themselves quite unable to meet the heavy charge and have been most reluctantly compelled to postpone their Home leave indefinitely. Hence the protestation of a record Home traffic this spring is not likely to be realised.

A Times of Ceylon representative learns that the matter is being taken up very energetically by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, and that a letter has been addressed by the Chamber to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the subject. This letter points out that the price of coal has fallen and that the general working expenses of the shipping companies are being steadily if slowly reduced. Emphasis is laid upon the fact that freight rates have recently come down with a rush and it is further urged that the passenger rates at present ruling are far too high.

The hardship which these high rates impose upon Ceylon residents who are in receipt of a rupee salary is clearly brought out, and it is mentioned that many married men are quite unable to afford the expensive luxury of a trip Home for themselves and their families.

Altogether a strong case is made out for a reduction in the Homeward passage rates and the Ceylon Government is asked to use its good offices to bring about a reduction. In view of the urgency of the matter it is suggested that the Ceylon Government should communicate with the authorities at Home by cable.

It is further understood that local firms have circulated with a view to securing their co-operation in this matter.

PASSENGER FARES.

A REDUCTION NECESSARY.

WHAT THE BUSINESS MAN WANTS.

Commenting on the interesting announcement that the China Mail S.S. Co. has decided, commencing on April 24, to reduce considerably the passenger fares on the S.S. "Nile," bringing them into line with the rates charged for passage on the company's S.S. "China," *Shipping and Engineering* says.—It is to be hoped, in the interests of the average business man who travels because he has to, or because he is going on a well-earned leave, that the present slight tendency to reduce fares will become an epidemic. It is well-known, of course, that the costs of operating a modern passenger steamship are enormous, many of the companies' efforts to provide accommodation, food and service of the very highest standard, help to maintain the present fantastic rates. The average person wishing to cross the oceans is concerned chiefly in getting to his destination quickly, and as cheaply as is compatible with reasonable comfort and feeding. He is not keen on, nor able well to afford, the luxurious accommodation and rampering service provided by some of the shipping companies. Time for these will come some years hence, when the wealthy tourist is as necessary to the prosperity of a few companies as he is a hindrance, a nuisance and an obstacle to the travelling business man of to-day. It seems a pity that more shipping companies cannot, or will not, but in any case do not, emulate the example of the Blue Funnel Line in the matter of carrying passengers. This company has consistently kept its passenger rates as low as possible—much lower than on the vessels of other lines operating exactly the same routes—and yet (we speak from experience) the accommodation, service and food are such as to quite satisfy any but the most unreasonable of beings. In saying this, we may mention that we hold not the slightest brief for the company mentioned. We mention the name only for a concrete comparison, and to point out that a person may travel in enjoyment and comfort on some lines while at the same time paying a much less rate of passage than obtains on others.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shun: I have much pleasure in proposing that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Messrs. A. H. Compton, F. Maitland, T. E. Pearce, H. W. Sassoon and H. P. White be appointed together with the Chairman to form a Consulting Committee for the next financial year, and in view of the success of the Company and the considerable increase in the magnitude of its operations, that the fee be increased to \$16,000.

Mr. Stevenson: I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend Warrants are now ready and may be had on application.

Mr. Murdoch: I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend Warrants are now ready and may be had on application.

"GIVE US THE VOTE"

CANTON WOMEN'S DEMAND.

CITY PARADED YESTERDAY.

Following their recent dramatic and noisy demonstration at the Provincial Assembly last Monday when several of their leaders received injuries from which they have not yet recovered, women suffragettes, numbering more than a thousand strong held a meeting at the Kwangsi Association Building yesterday morning to discuss further plans to continue their fight.

The third floor of the Building was crowded with the amateur militant suffragettes who were mostly students from the different girls schools in the city. The walls in the meeting room were decorated with scrolls with the slogans "Equality of Sex," "Long live Dr. Sun Yat-sen and General Chen Ching-ming," "Fight to the finish," "Give us the vote," "Women Suffrage in China," etc.

Immediately after the meeting, a monster parade was held which proceeded to the place where the historic fight of the day before was fought—the Provincial Assembly. From the Assembly the procession of a thousand odd women and girls each carrying a flag with the slogans of their movement, proceeded to the Civil Governor's Yamen and thence to the Military Government, where jubilant songs and national airs were sung, as an expression of their appreciation to the officials who sympathise with the suffrage movement. (Canton Times.)

A LUCKY MAN.

SERIOUS OFFENCE LIGHTLY REGARDED.

A seaman named Fred Brugasi, was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with (1) assaulting a Chinese lady, and (2) behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk in Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon.

Replying to the first charge, the defendant denied assaulting the lady, saying that what he remembered was that the complainant's richa bumped into him and then overbalanced. The whole thing happened so suddenly that he could not say just how it occurred. With regard to the other charge, the defendant pleaded "guilty."

The complainant who said that she had only recently returned from America, deposed that about 4 p.m. yesterday she was driving along Praya East in a richa, going west, when the defendant came up and holding the shaft of the vehicle, forced the coolie to stop. Then suddenly he pushed the richa over. As the hood was up at the time, the witness was imprisoned in the vehicle and lay on the mud for some time before a Chinese constable came to her assistance. When the defendant saw the constable he ran away. Chase was given, and he was caught. The complainant added that her clothing was badly soiled, but luckily, she was not injured by her fall.

The Magistrate said that he did not think the assault was a deliberate one. He was sure the defendant would not have upset the richa had he been in his sober senses. If the defendant were prepared to apologise to the lady, he would not take a serious view of the first charge.

Defendant (to complainant): I am very sorry.

The complainant accepted the apology remarking that what she resented was the belief of some people that they could do what they liked with a Chinese woman.

Convicting the defendant on the second charge, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$7 or in default, 14 days' hard labour.

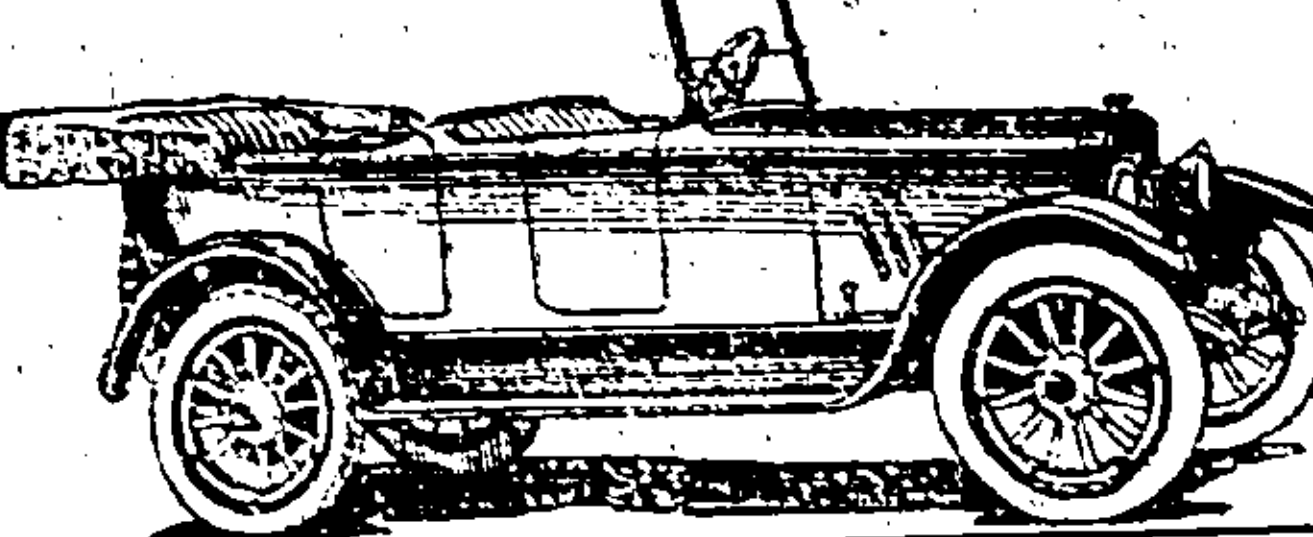
WHY

DOES TIGHTENING VIOLIN STRINGS CAUSE A HIGHER NOTE?

If we take two strings, one a foot long and the other only six inches, and, fixing these securely at either end, pluck or hit them with the same force, we will find that the shorter string will vibrate much more rapidly than the long one. The same principle would apply if a violin bow were to be rubbed over the two strings, for the shorter a string is, the more rapidly it reacts to outside influences.

When, therefore, a finger is pressed down upon a violin string, the latter is really made shorter than it was before, and it vibrates more quickly. One "note" in music is "higher" than another simply because the vibrations of the air are more rapid. In the case of the violin, the air-movement is started by the extremely fast displacement of the string and the corresponding impression upon our ear is "high" or "low," according to the speed of this movement. Tightening a string of a violin has the same effect as shortening it, and the "high note" naturally results.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

NEWS FROM GERMANY.

"REDS" SUPPRESSED.

BERLIN, March 29.

The "Communist" outbreak is already dying down. It finished today when government troops surrounded a big nitrogen plant at Leun near Halle, which was the communist headquarters, and forced the insurgents to surrender. A thousand prisoners were taken and large supplies of arms and ammunition recovered.

The Reichswehr, whose numbers in Berlin were greatly augmented yesterday, are now stamping out the embers of the revolt, notably at Leipzig, and in Rhineland and Westphalia. A state of siege is declared in the districts of Münster, Arnberg, and the unoccupied part of Düsseldorf. The entente restored the arms of the police in the occupied part of Düsseldorf in order to repulse any communist attack. There were fifty casualties during fights between the police and the Reds at Essen yesterday.

PACIFIC ISLAND TRADE.

A Berlin telegram states that the former German South Sea commercial undertakings are preparing to resume activity on a great scale. Their plans comprise fusions, increase of capital, and an invocation of American help. One fusion already formed between two leading concerns is that of the Jaluit company of Hamburg and the German trade and plantations company of the South Sea islands which has formed a new company called the Trade and Colonisation Company Limited, behind which stand the big banks and several important merchants of the Hanse cities. The Jaluit company formerly operated in the Marshall and Caroline islands and had valuable phosphate rights on Nauru. The trade and plantations company operated in Samoa.

BERLIN, March 30.

The authorities are busily rounding up the defeated rebels and 1,400 have at present been taken prisoners in Central Germany.

HUNGARY'S CROWN.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S SURPRISING ACTION.

LONDON, March 30.

The greatest astonishment has been caused by the sudden arrival of the Austrian Emperor Karl in Hungary of which it is rumoured he intends to assume the Crown. Well-informed circles in Paris and Rome are inclined to discredit the reports, but details of the journey are given both from Vienna and Budapest showing that Karl, disguised, reached the Austro-Hungarian frontier on Saturday. The Hungarian Premier Teleki who was summoned urged the Emperor "not to carry out his intentions." Karl however proceeded to Budapest and saw the Regent Horthy who advised him to return to Switzerland. Karl declined to leave the country and is at present staying at Steinamanger.

DISARMAMENT.

AMERICA SHOULD DISCUSS IT.

LONDON, March 29.

With reference to reports emanating from New York, it is authoritatively stated in London that nothing is known as regards alleged steps on the part of the United States to approach the British government informally on the question of disarmament.

A BOXING HOAX.

DEMPSEY AND CARPENTIER.

NEW YORK, March 29.

A newspaper story that Solly Joel was endeavouring to finance a fight between Dempsey and Carpentier proves to be a hoax. Jack Joel informs Renter that the report is baseless.

A GREEK VICTORY.

FABLES FROM FIGLAND.

SMYRNA, March 29.

It is reported that the Greeks took 1,700 prisoners at Afunkarahissar. Losses on both sides were heavy.

SWEDEN TO TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

STOCKHOLM, March 30.

The biggest export concerns and some of the leading banks have formed an organisation with a capital of a milliard kronen with the object of opening up financial and commercial relations with the Soviets.

CANADA'S SHIPPING.

GOVERNMENT'S MERCHANT FLEET INCREASED.

OTTAWA, March 30.

The Government's fleet of 47 merchantmen is being increased on July 1 by sixteen ships of which seven will be oilburners. The cost of construction will be \$100 per ton. The net earnings last year amounted to 23 per cent. which is regarded as satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions.

DRUNK OR DESPERATE?

SAILORS' STRANGE CONDUCT.

DOOR OF CURIO SHOP DAMAGED.

Shortly after eight o'clock last night the premises of Messrs. Komor and Komorart, and curio dealers in Des Voeux Road, were the scene of what appears to have been a deliberate attempt at burglary by two men dressed in sailor uniform who covered their design by pretending drunkenness—until a police whistle was blown, when they promptly took to their heels, according to the watchman who first noticed their unusual movements. The watchman asserts that both men were Europeans but he is doubtful if he could identify them, owing to the speed with which they made off, said Mr. Komor interviewed by a *China Mail* reporter this morning. The men when first observed by the watchman seemed to be clambering up the iron sliding gate which protects the glass doors at the top of the four steps leading from the pavement up to the floor level. Mr. Komor discounts the idea of a drunken prank as the iron grille had been tampered with to such an extent that this morning when his son arrived at the shop to open it one portion of the iron gate fell into the street and another crashed through a valuable plate glass window. Furthermore, he holds that deliberate intention would be necessary before the four steps leading up to the shop would be climbed. In addition the statement by the watchman is said to indicate that the two men, drunk or sober, were too interested in the lock, which was placed in a not easily accessible spot in the top left hand corner of the iron gate. Mr. Komor holds the interesting opinion that most of the big burglaries in Hongkong are not the work of Chinese but of a capable European gang who operate, not in the quiet watches of the night when their suspicious movements would more readily attract attention, but round about the hour of eight o'clock at night when most people are at the evening meal and the watchmen have not yet come on duty. He is of the opinion that the only remedy is to organise regular beats by watchmen or police constables in the more important streets, on similar lines to those at Home, from the time that the shops are closed until they are reopened in the morning.

The genial Lt. Col. Eden Turner who suggested that all British officials in India should wear uniform according to their office, was evidently moved to his suggestion by the characteristics inherent in his first name, says the "Topicist" in the *Singapore Free Press*. But there is something in the idea after all and life would be much gayier if H.E. for instance always wore a nice white suit with scarlet frogs, if the "Sekken Gubernier" turned out to duty in a red edged jacket and blue striped trousers. We could picture the cheery P.C.M.O. in a pleasant fantasy of skulls and crossbones, and the Chief of the P.W.D. might attend Council in a collarless shirt and Belcher, with his trousers secured by red tape just below the knee. With the Treasurer arrayed in Chetty garb—the uncovered portions being discreetly stained—and the First Magistrate tacitly attired in an S.C.C. jersey, we should find the dull monotony of Singapore life considerably eased, whilst amongst the Un-officials the most honourable of them might perhaps choose the Cap and Bells, and shake a saucy head when the Official Majority sat munchance what time important departmental matters were under discussion.

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TUESDAY, April 5th.	"TALES UP" from the Gaiety Theatre London.
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ROME MURDER TRIAL.

D'ANNUNZIO'S SON

ACQUITTED.

ACCUSED TO MARRY.

Rome, February 7.—The Court has acquitted the pianist, Mile. Marie Blengini, on a charge of attempting to murder Lieut. Doctor Mareri, and Prince Gabriele Gravina (son of the poet D'Annunzio) on a charge of being an accessory to the crime.

According to the prosecution, Lieut. Mareri visited the Prince at the Continental Hotel, Rome, and on leaving the building was fired upon, but only slightly injured by the female accused.

The Prince it was alleged, supplied her with the revolver with which she wished to take the Lieut's life in consequence of statements he had made to the Prince about her which she resented.

In the first place only the pianist was charged and Prince Gravina appeared before the court as a witness. The jury protested against the fact that he too, had not been placed in the dock, and the trial was adjourned to enable a warrant to be issued for his arrest.

The Prince thereupon disappeared, and it was generally understood that he went to stay with his father at Fiume.

The trial was resumed in his absence, and then the Prince unexpectedly appeared in Court and was placed in the dock.

The evidence revealed the female accused to be a prolific and clever writer, and her diaries and letters which were read created a great impression.

The President of the Court said to her "When you leave this Court you will be able to write far more interesting books than those of Guido Da Verona, the most widely read novelist in Italy to-day."

Other evidence showed that Mile. Blengini, who was declared to be a brilliant pianist, had a rather lonely existence until meeting Prince Gravina.

The latter's mother however objected to the acquaintanceship and they were obliged to separate. Then it was that Mile. Blengini struck up a friendship with Lieut. Mareri. On his acquittal the Prince declared that he would marry Mile. Blengini and that they would both play for the films.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, April 2nd, commencing at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, March 30, 1921.

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SANITARY BOARD.

THE MOSQUITO PEST.

STATISTICS SOUGHT.

"The Mosquito Pest" was the principal subject discussed at the fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board held in the Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided, and were present the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (P.W.D.), Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio, Mr. S. W. Tse, and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Secretary).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the meeting unanimously passed a motion authorizing Rural Inspector H. E. Marks to enter premises and inspect and seize unwholesome food, in accordance with section 83 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.

Dr. Koch asked if the Board would take steps to put before the meeting statistics of mosquito larvae destruction. He said that he did not dwell at length upon the matter, but would like to point out that mosquitoes became a nuisance periodically, and, surely means could be devised to check them. It was within the scope of the work of the Board to do that, and he thought that something more extensive and elaborate should be done towards eliminating these pests than had been done so far.

Dr. Pearce said he thought Dr. Koch was referring chiefly to the Peak district. Mosquitoes, he said, made their appearance at two different seasons in the year: first in Spring after the rains, and then they remained until the dry season when all the water in the pools had evaporated, and then they disappeared. Then again, they were absent during the period of heavy rains, because the larvae were continuously being washed out of the pools and they could not breed, but they appeared again immediately after the rains, and remained in the pools until the water evaporated. Everything possible was being done to cope with the nuisance, but it was impossible to get all the mosquito breeding pools, most of them being inaccessible. It had also been the practice, said Dr. Pearce, to cut the brushwoods twice a year. This was done in the Autumn, and then again about this time, both in the town and hill districts. They would be starting again in a few days.

Replying to the Chairman, Dr. Koch said that he would like to give notice of his question and allow it to stand until the next meeting.

The other business on the agenda was of a formal nature.

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COMPLAINT TO GOVERNMENT.

C.R.A. CORRESPONDENCE.

Copies of the following correspondence between the Committee of the Constitutional Reform Association and the Government have been forwarded to us for publication:-

2, Queen's Buildings, January 20th, 1921.
Sir—I have been directed by my Committee to invite your attention to the present unsatisfactory state of the Telephone system, and its increasing want of efficiency.

The China and Japan Telephone Co. hold a monopoly in Hongkong, and it seems discreditable to a public utility concern that wrong numbers are constantly given and false calls made.

Representations have repeatedly been made to the Company by individuals and others without any satisfactory results, and my Committee consider that it is high time the Government should communicate with the Company with a view to the improvement of its working. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

L. M. WYTHE
(Hon. Secretary).
The Hon. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong,
January 25th, 1921.

Sir—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th January, 1921, regarding the present unsatisfactory state of the Telephone system. As you are aware, the question of the telephone service has been under consideration for some time, but no improvement in the service is likely to be effected in the present uncertainty as to the future of the Company, and it does not seem possible for Government to take any further action pending the receipt of the report which Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews have been requested to prepare. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN
(Colonial Secretary).
The Hon. SECRETARY,
Constitutional Reform Association
of Hongkong.

Probably the most sensational climax to any criminal proceedings ever taken in Shanghai came in an open compound in the Chinese City when Chang She-sung, at the conclusion of four separate trials occurring within six hours, finally broke down and confessed that he had murdered his own father, Chang Ka-yung, thirteen months ago in Pootung. The confession came after the accused had been confronted with the discoloured bones of his father's body which had been taken from the disinterred corpse and placed in a boiling kettle of water in the compound in the presence of throngs of intent spectators.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Shanghai conference, education in China, cable delays, fog signals, Crown Agents, mail delays, pillage of cargo, bills of lading, the local fire brigade, and the appointment of a permanent commercial secretary in Hongkong were among the matters touched upon by the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, who presided in the absence, owing to illness, of the Chairman, (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak), at the annual general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which was held at 4 p.m. yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Chartered Bank Building. The following members of the General Committee were present:—Messrs. P. L. Knight, G. M. Dodwell, A. O. Lang, J. A. Plummer, G. T. Edkins, A. G. Stephen and A. S. Gubbay.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce was held, yesterday afternoon, at the offices of the Chamber. In the absence, through indisposition, of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone presided.

The following members were present:—Messrs. The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell), Arnold Bros. & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Montith Webb), Botelho Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botelho), Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Messrs. J. A. Almon and T. W. Hill), British American Tobacco Co. (Mr. B. Kennet), Butterfield & Swire (Messrs. G. T. Edkins and T. H. Shaw), Britto & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Esmail), Messrs. British Borneo Timber Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Lakin), Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd. (Mr. J. H. Waller), Canton Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), Office, Ltd. (Mr. J. C. Ponsbury), China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. (Messrs. S. H. Bennett and Sherry), China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Hawker), China President Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. W. J. Hawker), Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott), Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell), Donnelly & Whyte (Mr. L. M. Whyte), Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co. (Mr. Arthur Samy), Walter Fort & Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. Bond), Gibb Livingston & Co. (Mr. A. O. Lang), Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Lakin), Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Hawker), J. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. R. G. Hall), W. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. J. Robertson), Hansmann, Kern & Co. (Mr. C. Hannan), Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. Van Andel), Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh), Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker), Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. A. G. Stephen), Hongkong & China Dock Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Dyer), J. D. Hitchcock & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce), Sir B. Ho Tung, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone), Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (Mr. W. R. Lowe), W. Lennox & Co. (Mr. W. R. Lowe), Messrs. Insurance Association of Hongkong (Mr. D. C. Blair), J. B. Michael & Co. (Mr. Vivian Benjamin), Mackinnon, Macleod & Co. (Mr. P. L. Knight), New Zealand Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. W. Stockhouse), North China Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. F. Toward), Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. Reiss & Co. (Mr. J. H. Bricker), Alex. Ross & Co. (Messrs. Alex. Ross and A. S. D. Coulson), J. M. Rocha & Co. (Mr. J. M. Rocha), David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. S. Gubbay), J. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Dutton), Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Mr. W. J. Hawker), H. Skott & Co. (Mr. G. E. Weston), De Souza & Co. Ltd. (Mr. F. N. D'Almeida Remedios), Stewart Bros. (Mr. M. Larkin), The Texas Co. (Mr. M. Larkin), Mr. F. P. Talbot, Messrs. H. Percy Smith, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lander), C. E. Warren & Co. (Mr. C. E. Warren), and Harry Wicking & Co. (Mr. Andrew Forbes).

CHAMBER IN NAME. We are British at bottom, and do not propose to stir over incidents merely because it might hurt people's feelings to stir them, whether they be our own nationals or not.

CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI. I would first refer to the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai. In my opinion, the importance attaching to this annual meeting cannot be over-estimated, not because it happens to be British, but because of its general bearing on the trade of China. It deserves the most active support of all those in a position to give it, and I trust Hongkong should continue to do her part in the forward questions which affect the welfare of all who rely upon trade with China for their livelihood. This Chamber should also make a point of sending one or two members of our Committee to attend the annual meeting.

EDUCATION. Your Committee consider that this is a matter of the utmost importance to the future of our trade relations with China, and so far as lies in their power, have been endeavouring to assist young Chinese to acquire a thorough knowledge of English and the best traditions, business or otherwise, which a knowledge of this language confers. In the respect of funds for educational purposes, we are a long way behind our American cousins, who, with their Rockefeller and Y.M.C.A. assistants, are enabled to attend to the education and look after the welfare of returned students in a manner which redounds to their credit and makes for the propagation of American ideals. Whilst we are content in the knowledge that our aims and objects of our American counterparts coincide with our own, the fact remains that where the two English-speaking races are pulling together as they will always do—there is little to complain of, yet it calls us to continue to play second fiddle, especially when we believe that much more could, and should, be done.

It is the opinion of your Committee that in this matter the Hongkong Government should play a greater part. They should remember that Hongkong represents the "lips," Canton the "mouth" of the Southern Provinces of China and that Hongkong by reason of her situation is from a merchant point of view to all intents and purposes a part of China. The Government should abandon their parochial point of view and take a more general interest in all questions affecting China and our business relations with her. It is trade that has made this place and it is to trade the Government must look to support it, and in return we look for the Government to assist us in questions which in our opinion, make for the good of that trade.

CABLE DELAYS.

This year shows a distinct improvement of our telegraphic service over that of the last few years, although of necessity we have kept this matter always before us. With the assistance of associated bodies everything has been done to impress on those responsible the absolute necessity for a quick and reliable telegraphic service. Happily this should be realised in the near future, and I think the Government should acknowledge that the Associated Cable Companies are doing their utmost to meet the requirements of the business community. True, even now we are occasionally subject to rather long delays, but I am afraid these are inevitable, and we must now and again look philosophically, until our Cable Companies' programme is completely carried out.

DIAPHONE SYSTEM OF FOG SIGNALS IN HONGKONG WATERS.

Your Chairman at last year's meeting was able to announce that the Government had agreed to the adoption of the China Coast System of Fog Signals, thus securing uniformity. Dealing further with "Aids to Navigation" we have this year forwarded to the Local Authorities a resolution recommending that the Diaphone System of Fog Signals be installed at the approaches to Hongkong. The resolution was the outcome of a debate at the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China held at Shanghai, and it is to be regretted that I cannot at the moment report any further developments.

CROWN AGENTS.

For some years now we in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce in the Straits and F.M.S. and Colombo, have endeavoured to induce the Colonial Office to abandon the practice of requisitioning for Government supplies through the Crown Agents, and this year a memorial was drawn up and forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies strongly urging our views. The Colonial Office had replied to our earlier representations that they had no intention of abandoning this practice, consequently I do not feel very sanguine that we shall receive much sympathy from the Colonial Office.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

HEAR, HEAR!

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Your striking observation in the leading article in to-day's issue, "Politics are hopeless," that the same writer who recommends dissolution of the League of Nations and a return to the Balance of Power because small nations cannot afford to pay the heavy monthly subscription, would "probably advise a nearly bankrupt power to have no hesitation in voting hundreds of millions to maintain the Balance of Power," makes one think what a wonderful future would be assured the League, the only salvation for a world now more than ever an armed camp, if the nations would but contribute to its upkeep a half, a quarter, an eighth, of the treasure they now pour out on costly armaments. With total disarmament impossible until a more enlightened age and immediate limitation of armaments still the dream of the optimist, the League can be made a vital factor in the control of naval and aerial armaments, which become more elaborate and deadly with the passing of every day, with the result that the ultimate destruction—suicide—would be a better word of the human race is now no longer the fantastic vision of an imaginative novelist but a dread possibility. Reverting to your spirited denunciation of the stupid and mischievous attacks on the League, one is reminded forcibly of the twin personalities created by the poet, or at least rhymester, who wrote:—

"Hem" was the father of blots and bores.

As the sands of the sea were they; And "Haw" was the father of all the tribe.

Who criticize to-day.

And still, in the honest working world

With posture and hint and smirk.

Those sons of the devil are standing by.

While Man does all the work.

They baulk endeavour and baffle reform.

In the sacred name of Law.

And over, the quavering voice of "Hem."

Is the droning voice of "Haw."

Did I say the League can be made a vital factor in the control of armaments? Rather should I have said it *must* be made, for it is the only solution that can avert the catastrophe inevitable if the present mad policy of world armaments is to be allowed to culminate in another 1914.

Yours etc.,

L. O. N.

Hongkong, March 29.

CORONET THEATRE.

"THE SACK OF ROME."

WHAT THE "LONDON MOSCOW" SAID.

Massive spectacles enacted by an army of players within the precincts of the ancient Castle of Saint Angelo, at Rome, and staged with extraordinary care for detail in spacious studio settings, are the outstanding features of this steadily historical drama, produced by Eran, Guazzoni, the well known maker of "Quo Vadis" and other famous Italian pictures.

The great rival families of Medici and Colonna were the dominant forces in the passionate politics of Rome in 1527.

The film deals with the struggle of the Papal Army of Clement VII. against the Spanish and German mercenaries sent to attack Rome by the Pontiff's enemy, Cardinal Colonna. Against this background of battle and intrigue is developed a pleasant love story in which the General of the invading forces figures as villain. With the reconciliation of Colonna and Medici, the romance of the two young lovers is also brought to a happy conclusion.

As a picture of the past the film possesses almost the realism of a topical film, plus a quality of artistry in the composition and production of every scene which delights the eye throughout.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

The change of programme at the Hongkong Theatre to-night brings a most interesting 6-part drama, "Fighting Cappy," featuring the popular star "Blanche Sweet." At the 7.15 p.m. performance, the 9th and 10th episodes of the serial film the "Iron Test" will be screened. Special comedies will also be shown.

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ALLEGED FORGERY.

STORE MANAGER CHARGED.

EXPERT PRINTING EVIDENCE.

At the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Magistrate Lindsay resumed hearing of the case in which Sham Lai-sung, managing partner of the Kowloon Stores, is charged with forgery and false pretences.

Mr. D. H. Blake represented the complainant, Mr. Ian Hendrik van Gennep Lohrs, managing director of the Holland-Pacific Trading Co., while Mr. A. H. Crew appeared for the defence.

The prosecution alleges that the defendant cut down a contract from which had been signed but only partially filled in, for the purpose of forging a document purporting to be a receipt entitling him to \$5,000 from Mr. Lohrs.

The defence holds that the receipt is a genuine document and is a receipt for a deposit of \$5,000 made by the defendant as security for goods he had undertaken to sell for the complainant's firm.

The only evidence taken yesterday was that of Mr. V. C. Labrum, manager of the printing department of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh Ltd. This witness said that he had been twenty years in the printing business. He pointed out that the words at the foot of the alleged forged receipt form exactly coincided in position, relative to the right hand bottom corner, with the corresponding words on the larger contract forms. The witness remarked that if the same type had been used for printing a tear-off pad, it would be most unlikely that it would be placed in exactly the same relation to the right hand bottom corner in the second printing job. The odds were 100 to one against such a "thing" happening. Further, the first and last sheets of a tear-off pad often showed indications of gum running over the edge, but this sheet had gum on both back and front; it could not be both first and last sheet.

The left hand edge of the receipt form was not square. This inaccuracy would not be likely to occur if the forms were machine-printed.

Mr. Crew: The receipt form has every appearance of having been torn out of a pad?

Witness: It looks to me as if it has been camouflaged. Is it a clever camouflage?—Well, it could have put the sheet into a pad, gummed it in, and then torn it out again.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Brigadier-General and Mrs. Stevens arrived here on the 23rd by the s.s. "Torilla," and are staying at Government House.

On Sunday, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs attended service at the Cathedral.

His Excellency attended the sports at the Lusitano Club and distributed the prizes.

His Excellency and Lady Stubbs watched the Regatta from the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn's yacht, "Oceano."

On Monday evening Lady Stubbs visited Bostock's Circus, where a performance was given in aid of the North China Famine Fund.

A mining expert who recently arrived in Peking from Shantung states that a silver mine has just been discovered on the Eastern Hill of Su Pai Ting—about forty-five miles east of Chiehmo, Shantung.

HIGH HERLS.

AMERICA'S WAY.

COMICAL POSSIBILITIES.

There seems to be no doubt about the news from the United States of a proposed enactment against high heels on women's shoes. The statute has been introduced into the Senate of Utah, and, if it ever gets any farther, one and a half inch will be the maximum height of heel for the fashionable of Salt Lake City and elsewhere. As yet no one seems to have cabled to Britain the reason for this odd example of sumptuary legislation.

During the war there was an English prohibition of high-heeled boots for women; but the reason was explained, even if it was not a very convincing one. At that time there was a real shortage of leather, and when the reason was made, after a prohibition of women's high boots the order at least looked like a measure of economy, even though kid gloves might have been prohibited with just about as much effect on the available reserves of pigskin and saddle.

But really high heels are generally made of wood with the thinnest surface of cloth or leather, and the amount of wood used in the business is hardly likely to cause a grave shortage of railway sleepers or telegraph poles. If Utah objects to high heels, it presumably objects on the ground that people should do their duty in that state of life so which it has pleased Providence to call them, and that any artificial attempt to diminish the physical distance between themselves and Heaven is as reprehensible as the ill-served experiment that was begun at Babel. Excessive high heels are also a peril to the ankles which they support, and the American statute may owe its origin to some zealous believer in saving women from herself. In any event, it looks like a law that will be singularly difficult to enforce. Carrie Nation assaulting saloon counters with an axe will be as nothing compared with the spectacle of the police inspector invading the ballroom with a tape-measure and a hand-saw.

SUPERSTITIONS.

BLACK CATS.

Many a man who would deny that he is the least bit superstitious feels a sneaking satisfaction if a black cat runs across his path as he starts for business in the morning. Black cats for luck is a very old superstition and comes to us from the Egyptians who had mummies of cats buried with them in their tombs and identified the animal with the moon-god, Pasht, probably from the peculiar effects of light and darkness on a cat's eyes. And a black cat's eyes by contrast, appear more prominently than those of other cats, even as the moon stands out from darkness.

In modern folk lore the cat in order to bring the greatest amount of luck must be entirely black—no white hairs even. The cat is a weird animal anyway and has been superstitiously regarded from time immemorial; even by peoples unaffected by Egyptian civilization such as the ancient Germans. In Germany to-day a black cat is driven away from the cradle of the infant and the bedside of the sick lest it bring death. Fortunately we inherit the Egyptian and not the Teutonic superstition. Egypt, Greece, Rome, Western Europe, England, America is our black cat's line of superstitious descent.

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